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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED] TRANSPORTATION GROUP:

SUBJECT: Suggested Changes in CIA Report "Military Aviation."

1. The following changes are suggested:

a. On page 4, immediately following the paragraph covering Relative Importance of Air in National Defense, insert:

"CURRENT TRENDS WITHIN THE AIR FORCE

Within the air force itself, it is believed first priority is being given to the development of an interceptor fighter force based on jet aircraft, and second priority to creation of an effective long-range bomber force."

b. On page 1, second paragraph, change to read:

"The principal contrasts appear to be due to (a) the basic political and social differences between the two countries, (b) their geographic disparity, which has traditionally caused the one to rely on sea power for security and the other on massed armies, (c) their reaction to air power which has now forced a complete change in concepts, and (d) their economic position, which spells the difference between a great power and a lesser one."

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